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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for OSM's call for nominations for its Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by [insert date 30 days from date of publication in the Federal Register], in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Please send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, via e-mail to OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov, or by facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 203

- SIB, Washington, DC 20240, by telefax to (202) 219-3276, or by e-mail to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically at jtrelease@osmre.gov. You may also review this collection on the Internet by going to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review, Agency is Department of the Interior, DOI-OSMRE).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted a request to OMB to approve the collection of information for nominations to OSM's Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for the information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Since this is a new information collection request, OSM is seeking a new OMB control number. Responses are voluntary.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a Federal Register notice soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 17, 2012 (77 FR

2318). OSM received one comment, but it was not relevant to this information collection activity. Therefore, we have not changed the collection in response to the comment. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Reclamation Awards – Call for Nominations.

OMB Control Number: 1029-xxxx.

Summary: This information collection clearance package is being submitted by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) for approval to collect information for our annual call for nominations for our Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards. Since 1986, the Office of Surface Mining has presented awards to coal mine operators who completed exemplary active reclamation. A parallel award program for abandoned mine land reclamation began in 1992. The objective was to give public recognition to those responsible for the nation's most outstanding achievement in environmentally sound surface mining and land reclamation and to encourage the exchange and transfer of successful reclamation technology. The call for nominations has been in existence for years but is currently inactive. This collection request seeks a three-year term of approval.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Industry and state/tribal nominees for reclamation awards and state/tribal reviewers and judges.

Total Annual Responses: 22 active mine respondents, 12 abandoned mine land respondents, and 48 state and tribal reviewers and judges.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,406.

Total Annual Non-Wage Burden: \$3,400

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the addresses listed in ADDRESSES.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Andrew F. DeVito, Chief

Dated

Division of Regulatory Support

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